

# Trinit-E News



## Our Mission

*In and through Christ, to  
restore people to unity  
with God and each other  
(2 Cor. 5:14-21)*

There are two liturgical seasons that are celebrated at this time of year in the Episcopal Church. The first is the Christmas season (which does not end on December 25<sup>th</sup>) The second is Epiphany. Here is a brief explanation of both.

## **Christmas**

The celebration of Christ's coming among us at Christmas, the incarnation, is one of the two poles of the Christian year, along with the narrative of his death and resurrection.

Christmas is much more than simply the celebration of Jesus' birth: it reminds us of the central truth of 'the word becoming flesh and dwelling among us' (John 1.14), fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 7.14 that the virgin will conceive and bear a Son, who will be called Emmanuel, 'God is with us'.

One of the challenges for the Church is to continue to celebrate the season of Christmas after the secular world has turned its thoughts elsewhere. Historically Christmas would have extended at least until the Epiphany (the twelve days of Christmas) or as a more extended marking of the incarnation until 2 February, a celebration of forty days.

## **Epiphany**

The Feast of the Epiphany on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January marks the beginning of the season of Epiphany. Epiphany means manifestation and the traditional observation begins with the celebration of the visit of wise men from the East. It then explores other ways in which Christ reveals himself to be the Son of God: the celebration of the baptism of Christ by John, when the voice from heaven declared Jesus to be God's beloved Son; and Jesus's first miracle, when he turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana.

In this perspective, the season of Epiphany provides an opportunity for the Church to pray for the worldwide mission of the Church. The week of Prayer for Christian Unity falls appropriately in the Epiphany season.

The end of the season is marked the Feast of the Presentation on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Jesus is brought to the Temple by his parents, according to the Law of Israel. There he is recognized by Anna and Simeon, who declares him to be 'a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of God's people Israel.' The traditional service makes use of a procession of candles as part of the liturgy, and so the Feast is often known as Candlemas.

Blessings,  
Fr. Doug

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 04 Ray Kunst
- 15 Hayden Rink
- 18 Heath Griffin
- 19 Katy Harris
- 20 Howard Rogers, Sr.
- 21 Elizabeth Romero
- 25 Barry Broussard
- 28 Patrick Swiber
- 29 Amalia Rogers
- 30 David Webster



## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 19—Elizabeth and Chris Landry
- 23—Mike and Kay Raymond

## PRESENTATION

Following the 9:30 am service on January 10th, Judy Weber will present a program in the Parish Hall on a retreat she attended at the Solomon Episcopal Conference Center Oct. 16-18, 2015. The guest speaker was Paula D'Arcy, an internationally renowned writer, speaker, retreat leader, and psychoanalyst, who is an expert on issues of pain, loss and bereavement. The title of the retreat was "Listening to Your Life." The retreat, beginning Friday and ending on Sunday, consisted of a series of lectures on learning to listen and see with the eyes of the heart how the thread of Divine love moves in everything, summoning us to live with new intention. The talk will last approximately thirty minutes, and there will be refreshments to enjoy during the presentation.



**There will be a Pot Luck Luncheon on January 3rd and again on January 24th following the Annual meeting. There will NOT be a Pot Luck luncheon in February.**

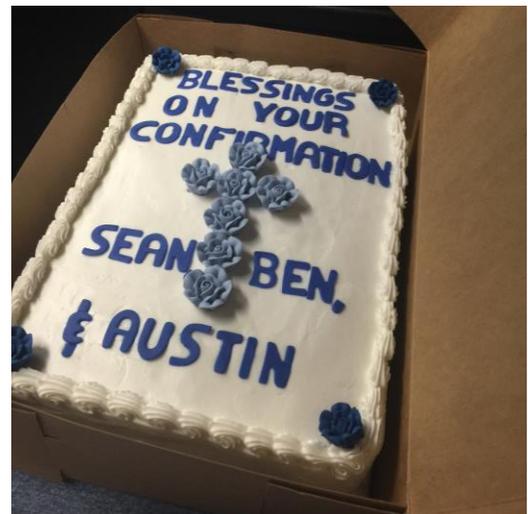
**Trinity's Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 24th following the 9:30 Eucharist. We will see the 2016 Budget, elect new Vestry members, and delegates to Convention. There will be a Pot Luck Luncheon after the meeting. Please make every effort to attend.**



**Please Pray For:** *Frances and Bob, Ara Mae, Glen, Ellen and Wayne, Nancy, Cathy and Barry, Jeanette, Ed, Frances, Fr. Roy, Rose and B.G., Sandra, Kay and Mike, Ray, Emily, Aaron, Ally, Bridgette, Heath, Jane and David, Debbie and the Rave Family, for all Christians who are persecuted around the world, for members of Morgan City Police Department, those serving in the Armed Forces of the United States of America, our partners in mission at the Deaneries of Copan and Maya in Honduras and our sister parish Cristo Salvador; and our prayer partners in the Anglican Diocese of Tohoku, Japan; and the Anglican Diocese of Lango, Uganda.*



**Sean Dennis, Austin Blair, and Ben Mauro** were confirmed by the **Right Reverend Bishop Morris Thompson** on November 15<sup>th</sup>.



## FUNDRAISER

Fleury Hall was the location of Chez Hope's *Painting with a Purpose* fundraiser on December 12th. The attendees were treated to refreshments while being guided by local artist Caroline Simoneaux in the painting of a Christmas ornament on canvas. A great time was had by all who attended, including Sean and Rhonda Dennis. Rhonda sits on the Chez Hope Board of Directors. For those unfamiliar with the agency, it is a non-profit dedicated to helping the victims of domestic violence by offering a multitude of services to include: housing victims and their children in a safe and secure facility, advocacy programs, outreach and awareness programs, as well as offering many other valuable resources to the community.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE January 2016

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31	February 7
<b>Celebrant/ Officiant</b>	Fr. Travers	Father Doug	Fr. Travers	Father Doug	Fr. Doyle	Fr. Travers
<b>Preacher</b>	"	"	"	"	"	"
<b>Server</b>	Tim C	Joshua Jones	Sean Dennis Austin Blair	Tim C	Joshua Jones	Sean Dennis Austin Blair
<b>Chalice</b>	Tim C	Mary H	Charles P	David W	Judy Weber	Tim C
<b>Lector</b>	Charles P	Judy W	Lisa P	Mary H	Elizabeth B	Charles P
<b>Intercessor</b>	Lisa P	Dez K	Elizabeth B	Mary H	Judy W	Lisa P
<b>Greeters</b>	Peggy C Ray K	Debi B Doug O	Drew M Ben M	Ed Bell Ray K	Drew M Ben M	Peggy C Ray K
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary H	Cathy B	Judy W Jennie R	Jane W Mary H		Mary H
<b>Vestry on Duty</b>	Peggy C	Veeder B	Barry B	Tim C	Mary H	Lisa P

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m.	2
3 <i>Pot Luck Luncheon</i> Holy Eucharist 9:30 am, Fr. Travers	4	5 Bible Study 6:30 pm	6 Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m Holy Eucharist 6pm	7 Choir Practice 5 pm	8 Alcoholics Anonymous 6 p.m.  Fr. Doug at SECC	9
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31 Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Fr. Doyle						

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Sunday Services  
9:30 AM

Fr. Doug Lasiter

### Our Vision

*Recognizing that we are all one in Christ, Trinity Episcopal Church is an embracing family, growing spiritually, and joyfully serving the community; a home that comforts the spirit; a place where people's gifts for ministry are identified, nourished, and shared; and place of learning where disciples are formed.*

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Worship  
the LORD  
in all  
his holy  
splendor.

Psalm 96:9, NLT

